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## MEDIA RELEASE

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## HAWS Seeks Nominees for Annual Youth Awards

Emma's Inspiration, Youth Community Kindness awards honor Waukesha county animal advocates

WAUKESHA - March 1, 2023. The Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County, <u>HAWS</u>, is seeking nominations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Emma's Inspiration Award and the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Diana Boettcher Youth Community Kindness Award.

**Emma's Inspiration Award** shines light on a young star who reminds us of Emma Mertens and, like Emma, strives to spread kindness to animals and the community.

- Nominees must be 7 to 10 years old and can be nominated by family, friends, community members or themselves.
- Applications must be received by Friday, March 31, 2023.

**Diana Boettcher Youth Community Kindness Award** seeks to honor a youth who exemplifies kindness to animals in the community through volunteering, promoting awareness or other acts of humane animal treatment.

- Nominees must be 11 to 18 years old and can be nominated by family, friends, community members or themselves.
- Applications must be received by Friday, March 31, 2023.

Applications must include the nominee's name, address, phone number, birth date, school and an essay (not to exceed 500 words) explaining the youth's commitment to animals in their community.

An online application is available at <a href="https://hawspets.givecloud.co/kindnessawards">hawspets.givecloud.co/kindnessawards</a>. Nominations including the above elements can also be emailed to HAWS' Education team at <a href="mailto:education@hawspets.org">education@hawspets.org</a>.

Awards will be presented at HAWS' fall Happy Tails gala and spring Romp 'N Rally.

A non-profit organization established in 1965, the Humane Animal Welfare Society assists over 10,000 animals and welcomes more than 35,000 human visitors each year. HAWS is an open admission, no-kill shelter dedicated to strengthening the relationship between animals and humans through adoptions and education, making a more compassionate community possible.

HAWS is located at 701 Northview Road in Waukesha, Wisconsin. For more information call (262) 542-8851 or log onto hawspets.org.

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